

Torrance, California  
July 16, 1940

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, July 16, 1940 at 4:30 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Being an Adjourned meeting, the regular order of business was suspended.

A communication was read from Harvel Guttenfelder, requesting that tenant at 1618 Cravens Avenue be granted permit to operate a poultry business at that location.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles Public Library, advising that the library budget for the 1940-41 fiscal year has been increased \$120.00 over the 1939-40 budget.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the increase in the 1940-41 budget be approved. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was

carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles Public Library, enclosing three copies of bill for library service rendered the City of Torrance for the six months' period January 1 to June 30, 1940.

Councilman Babcock moved that payment of the bill for library service for the period January 1 to June 30, 1940 be authorized. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Two communications were read from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, advising that a resolution was adopted by the Board July 1 for refunding of the indebtedness of Acquisition and Improvement District No. 29 (Alondra Park) and requesting consent of the City Councils of the cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Redondo Beach and Torrance to said refunding. Two copies of a form of resolution consenting to said refunding were enclosed for execution if the refunding is approved.

Mayor McGuire inquired whether or not Attorney McCall had checked into the matter. Clerk Bartlett replied he had not. It was decided to defer action on this matter until the Attorney checks it thoroughly.

A communication addressed to the City Engineer was read from the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, advising that the Board had adopted a resolution declaring its intention to sell an easement for sanitary sewer purposes over a portion of the Fern Avenue School site annex at a minimum price of \$20.00 and further advising that bids for same will be opened August 1, 1940.

Engineer Young explained that he had contacted the Board of Education requesting an easement over a block of land on the southwest side of Fern Avenue School for sewer line purposes. He said he had been advised that law requires the Board of Education to advertise for bids for any easement or any transfer of property. He added that the \$20.00 is to cover cost of advertising for bids, and that said \$20.00 would be a legitimate charge against the sponsor's portion of the Vista Highlands Sewer Project.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$20.00 be made for the easement. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from A. Gorzeman, requesting that the street in front of his property on Huntington Street east of the Colnbrook Dairy Farm be repaired.

Councilman Hitchcock advised that the request is a reasonable one and repairs will be commenced at an early date, having been set up in the 1940-41 budget.

Clerk Bartlett was instructed to forward a letter to Mr. Gorzeman to this effect.

A communication was read from Mrs. Carl D. Lane, 1605 Greenwood Avenue, requesting that something be done about the open sump holes between Hickory and Greenwood Avenues and on the West side of Hickory Avenue.

Councilman Hitchcock said that the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company is taking steps to clean up sump holes belonging to said company. It was agreed that something should be done, chiefly to protect small children in the district. After a short discussion, Engineer Young was instructed to investigate the situation and report at the next meeting.

A communication was read from the City of Pomona, requesting permission to display advertising signs across the streets in the City of Torrance advertising the Los Angeles County Fair, to be held in Pomona September 13 to September 29, 1940.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted provided all regulations of the City Engineer, Street Department and Police Department are complied with. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Edward G. Neess, advising that the time limit for removal of the Girl Scout building on Lot 16, Block 52, Torrance Tract expires July 16, 1940 and requesting that immediate action be taken to remove said building.

Councilman Murray moved that the Street Department be authorized to move the Girl Scout Building from Lot 16, Block 52, Torrance Tract to the property acquired recently from the County of Los Angeles for park purposes, situated adjacent to the Los Angeles County Health Department. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett was instructed to notify Mr. Neess of the above action.

Clerk Bartlett presented the proposal of Menard and Tabery Inc. for decoration of the Torrance Civic Auditorium for the fiscal year 1940-41. It was decided to contact Mr. Menard for discussion of the matter before taking action.

A communication was read from the Traffic Engineering Company, advising that the streets and highways in the City of Torrance could be restriped for \$981.60. Councilman Hitchcock stated that the Street Department has done this work heretofore and has all the necessary equipment.

Councilman Powell moved that the communication be filed for future reference. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett advised he had been unable to arrange a date for the meeting with the Civil Service, Fire and Police Commissions and Attorney McCall as requested by Mr. John Shidler. Clerk Bartlett advised that he had contacted everyone concerned but that, to date, a satisfactory time had not been decided upon. Mayor McGuire suggested that the Council discuss the matter after the meeting and endeavor to arrange a date.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that bids received and opened at a Regular Meeting held July 9, 1940 for a Tandem Drive Motor Grader be and same are hereby rejected and the Clerk is instructed to return deposits which accompanied bids. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell read a recommendation from J. E. McMaster, Fire Chief, that C. E. Loomis be appointed as a Fire Department callman to replace J. A. Collins at the regular salary of \$7.50 per month. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Greig of the Associated Assessment Engineers addressed the Council at this time, outlining the plan for collection of delinquent 1915 Improvement Act assessments. He advised that his company's audit has been completed and submitted a form letter, mimeographed copies of same to be forwarded to owners of property upon which there are delinquent 1915 Improvement Act assessments.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk be authorized to execute the letter as submitted by Mr. Greig. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Greig advised he had met with the Property Owners' Committee regarding the Alondra Park assessment district.

Councilman Hitchcock moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 5:15 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Powell, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Bartlett  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

John F. McGuire  
Mayor of the City of Torrance